



CENTER SCENE

SHOWDOWN AT LAKEWOOD PARK



Umpire Roger Molinar and catcher Herb Anderson watch closely as Linda Campain gets ready to smack the ball.

It was a bright afternoon at Lakewood Park east of the Denver Federal Center — Building 40 employees had challenged Building 50 employees for the Mako Hideshima Challenge Trophy. The air was cool, but the tempers were warm as the game got underway.

Building 50's players included Jackie Jung, Jerry Carlander, Carl Anderson, Dennis Clonts, Linda Campain, Jack Blickley, Donna Barron, Jeff Jung, Mary Barger, Dan Kawamoto, Angela Hays, Lee Allen, and Nathan Matthews (Coach). Playing for Building 40 were Herb Anderson, Mike Marchase, Tom Nobel, Carl Zulick, Jim Blancette, Mike Carsella, Jim Collins, Tom Jatko, Larry Thompson, William Moody (Coach).

At the outset of the game, the spirit of competition was evident as the teams

traded barbs. Building 40's lack of female players was noted, and someone suggested they give up one run for each female member of the Building 50 team. This idea was quickly rejected. "Play ball!" shouted umpire Roger Molinar.

First up to bat was Linda Campain, with a hit to first base. Mary Barger brought her home with another base hit, and Building 50's team pulled into the lead. Building 50's team kept the lead for most of the game—until the sun set and darkness gave the Building 40 team the advantage.

In order to finish the game, Coach Nathan Matthews went in search of the maintenance officer of the park to ask that the floodlights be turned on. But by the time the floodlights were on, the game was over and Building 40's team had won with a score of 18 to 15.

A Health Affair

The 1992 open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will run from November 12 through December 10, 1991. During this time, employees are free to make changes in their Federal health insurance designations.

For those employees who would like more information about specific insurance programs, there will be a health benefits fair at the Denver Federal Center on November 14 and 15, 1991. It will be in the auditorium of Building 25, and will run from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Representatives from the major health carriers have been invited to attend and answer questions concerning their insurance programs.

In addition, there will be a telephone service set up to answer questions during the days of the fair. The number will be 236-5845, or FTS 776-5845.

'TIS THE SEASON

The holidays will soon be here and the Service Center Social Organization would like to announce the Christmas After Work Get-Together! The festivities will be held at Jubilation, 146 Van Gordon Street in Lakewood, on December 19, 1991, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale November 29. The \$1.50 ticket price includes cover charge, door prizes, and Jubilation's fantastic buffet, along with other specials. You must have a ticket to get in on these specials — so buy yours early! Contact Lynne Price at 6-6703 for details.



HELPING MOTHER NATURE

by Kim Zietz

I began working for the Bureau of Land Management as a voucher examiner in the Division of Finance in August 1989, shortly after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder. The following spring, I heard about Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado through the Mile High United Way Volunteer Center. I decided to become a VOC member, and have participated in several projects these past two summers.

VOC is, above all, committed to preserving the environment and promoting a sense of appreciation and respect among those who visit Colorado's wilderness areas, whether they be Colorado natives or guests from out of state. VOC works closely with BLM, the Forest Service, and the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in planning and completing projects. For the most part, the volunteers construct new trails and maintain existing ones in such places as Boulder, Fort Collins, and Steamboat Springs. Whenever possible, the trails are made wheelchair-accessible so that *everyone* can enjoy them. As the volunteers work, crew leaders explain why trails must include certain features that help prevent erosion and environmental stress; I always feel I've learned something by the end of the day. Revegetation is crucial as well, and perhaps the greatest example of this is the ongoing 10,000 Trees Project; VOC aims to plant trees

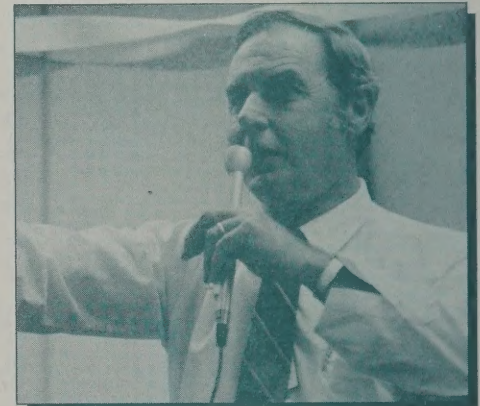
each year around Earth Day until this goal is reached.

Working on VOC projects is difficult — heavy stones need to be moved, trees often need to be planted in rocky or sun-baked soil, and altitude can quickly sap one's strength — but the rewards are numerous. After a long week at my desk, it feels so good to get outside for a day and *really* expend some energy. I've had the opportunity to visit some spectacularly beautiful spots all over Colorado — places I'd normally not have the chance to see or even hear about. Tasks are done by small crews of anywhere from five to ten people; it's nice to get to know many different kinds of people while working. A free dinner, usually a barbecue, awaits volunteers at the end of the day (more incentive to push oneself just a *bit* further!). And I cannot adequately describe the sense of pride and accomplishment I feel after I have done my part. We volunteers are frequently told how much our efforts are appreciated, and we even receive special certificates once we've finished. It's just gratifying to know that we are all contributing to such a worthwhile cause. My experiences so far with VOC have been nothing but positive, and I would encourage *anybody* to join, especially those who are interested in preserving the beauty that can be found here in Colorado.

—CFC Activities—



BLM's Chairperson Paul Bodenberger visits the booths at the CFC fair.



Service Center Director Marv LeNoue tries his hand at auctioneering items for the CFC.



Bidding wars erupt as auctioneer Ray Boyd accepts a higher bid at the CFC auction.



Associate Service Center Director Linda Colville gets in on the CFC auction action.

PERSONNEL NEWS

New Employees:

Cynthia R. Homan,
Office Automation Clerk, SC-673
Armando F. Lazarte, Computer
Programmer Analyst, SC-342

Separations:

John N. Baker, Supv. Natural
Resource Specialist, SC-210
Denise L. Contreras, Clerk Typist,
SC-344
Laurene M. Hothem, Contract
Specialist, SC-651